Setting up of new rail coach factory

†2494. PROF. M.M.AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any new rail coach factory in the country, in view of the growing need thereof;

(b) if so, the place-wise details thereof;

(c) by when, it is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No.Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) At present, there is no need to set up another coach factory as coach manufacturing capacity, already available both in the Railways' own production units, as also in the Public Sector Units, is adequate to meet the Railways' current requirements.

Broad gauge rail connection for Gandhinagar

2495. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has agreed to connect Gandhinagar with the Ahmedabad-Delhi broad gauge line;

(b) what is the time-frame for completion of broad gauge rail line work of Kalol Moti Adaraj;

(c) the Budget provision for the same *vis-a-vis* the planned time-frame; and

(d) the position of the new rail line from Gandhinagar to Moti Adaraj?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet fixed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The anticipated cost of conversion of Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti and new line from Adraj Moti to Kalol has been assessed as Rs. 52 crore. An outlay of Rs. 10 crore has been provided for this project during 2002-03.

(d) Final location survey has been completed and land plans have been submitted to the State Government for land acquisition. Tenders for earthwork and bridges have been processed.

Rail reservation counter at Ganj-Basoda

2496. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Up and Down trains which halt at Ganj-Basoda railway station of Central Railway;

(b) whether it is proposed to increase the number of reservation counters for this station in view of the number of such trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) At present, following trains are stopping at Ganj Basoda station:

1. 8237/8238 Bilaspur-Amritsar Chhattisgarh Express
2. 8235/8236 Bhopal-Bilaspur Express cum Passenger
3. 1077/1078 Jammu Tawi-Pune Jhelum Express
4. 2137/2138 Mumbai CST-Firozpur Punjab Mail
5. 1589/1590 Bhopal-Bina Passenger
6. 1015/1016 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Gorakhpur Kushinagar Express
7. 1057/1058 Dadar-Amritsar Express
8. 7021/7022 Hyderabad-Nizamuddin Dakshin Express
9. 491/492 Bhopal-Jodhpur Passenger (Temporary cancelled)
10. 9367/9368 Indore-Jammu Tawi Malwa Express
11. 2155/2156 Habibganj-Nizamuddin Bhopal Express